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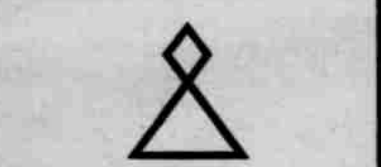
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Farmers' Institute Program.

Rushsylvania Scene of Sessions.

M. E. CHURCH

Won't Hold the Large Attendance.

December 26-27 Are on Dates

When the Institute Will Be Held.

Following is the program of the Farmers' Institute to be held in the Methodist church, Rushsylvania, Dec. 26 and 27:

MONDAY, DEC. 26.
9:30 a. m., sun time.

Solo—Dr. C. E. Huston

Prayer—Dr. Knapp

Piano Solo—Ella Erick

Secretary's Report—Will Erick

"A Farmer's Figures on Feeding Nations"—L. H. Goddard

Recitation—Leona Duff

"Humus and Fertilizers"—J. P. Russell

Discussion opened by Gilbert Newman

Afternoon Session, 1 p. m., sun time.

Piano Solo—Anna May Houston

"An Acre of Pasture Compared With an Acre of Corn"—L. H. Goddard

"Profitable Hay Raising"—J. M. Beaver

Discussion opened by James Gardner

Followed by M. A. Deerpeter

Recitation, "Aunt Elvora's Hero"—Belle Royer

"The Use of Cement on the Farm"—L. H. Goddard

Piano Solo—Wilda Wright

Evening Session, 7 p. m.

Musio-Rolosen Quintette

Prayer—Rev. J. A. Alexander

Duet—Anna May Houston and Ella Erick

"The Farmer, His Education"—John W. Pegg

Recitation—Florence Aiken

"How Shall We Educate Our Daughters for Farmers' Wives?"—Minnie Dickinson Hall

Solo and Chorus—W. H. Smith

Musio-Rolosen Quintette

Burying in—Dr. Knapp

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 a. m., sun time

Solo—Edna Townsend

Prayer—Rev. White

Piano Solo—Edna Watkins

"The Dairy Interests"—D. McCrary

"Sun Fruits on the Farm"—O. S. Fawcett

Discussion opened by W. H. Grabiel

Recitation—Flora Watkins

"What a Farmer May See at the Experiment Station"—L. H. Goddard

Tuesday Afternoon, 1 p. m.

Piano Solo—Bethel Royer

Election of Officers

"Farm Labor"—L. H. Goddard

Piano Duet—Anna May Houston and Edith Standfield

"The Dairy Interests"—D. McCrary

Benediction—Rev. R. Hargrave

PASSES AWAY

Wife of Levi Koons Dies From a Stroke of Apoplexy.

Mrs. Frances Koons, wife of Mr. Levi Koons, died at the family home in Harrison township, west of Bellefontaine, at about four o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, December 21, 1904. Death was caused from a stroke of apoplexy suffered Tuesday.

Mrs. Koons' maiden name was Kretzschmar. She was born December 5, 1830, near Calpepper Court House, Virginia. When but a child she came to this county with her parents and she had remained a resident of the county since. Her marriage to Mr. Koons occurred August 8, 1848. To the union two sons, Andrew and Edward, were born. Edward died in early childhood. Andrew survives, residing on a farm nearby that of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Koons joined the Methodist church at Blue Jacket in 1859 and some years later transferred their membership to the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellefontaine.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Jesse Swank will be held from the home Friday morning at 10 o'clock, sun time. Interment will be made at Greenwood cemetery at DeGraff.

Now that the McKicks & Cheney people in Mechanicville are thinking about rebuilding their factory, which burned recently, and are inclined to receive propositions, it would not be a bad idea for this city to take the matter up, and if possible bring the factory here. The company employs in the neighborhood of 50 girls and the employment was steady the year round at good wages. Urbana and Marysville will make an effort to secure the factory.

SHORT SCRAP OF NEWS.

The Danish vessel Greda has arrived at St. Johns, N. F., her captain injured and her mate dead as the result of her experiences in a fierce tornado.

Orders have been issued by the navy department to put out of commission the cruisers San Francisco, New Orleans and Atlanta and the gunboat Marietta.

Col. Stephen Bassford, who commanded the Ninety-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry in the civil war, is dead at his home in New York City. He had been three terms as member of the Illinois legislature.

Four Moorish dancing girls and three Moorish musicians, all of whom had been left in St. Louis when the world's fair closed, have been deported to their native country by the immigration bureau.

Francis A. Brokoski, once a politician, committed suicide in the rooms of the Republican Marching club at Chicago by turning on all the gas jets.

He served three terms as member of the Illinois legislature.

Ex-Gov. James P. Eagle is dead at Little Rock, Ark., after an illness of three weeks. He was governor of Arkansas from 1889 to 1893. He had been president of the Arkansas Baptist state convention 21 years.

The Steel Bar association at a recent meeting in Jersey City advanced the price of steel bars \$2 a ton.

The steel plate manufacturers held a meeting there also and voted to advance the price of steel plates \$2 a ton.

The prediction that the fiscal year ending in June, 1905, will see the greatest influx of immigrants into the United States which the country has yet seen, is made by the commissioner general of immigration, Frank P. Sargent.

The Japanese cruiser Tushima seized the British steamer Nigretia, bound for Vladivostok, off Ulsan, Korea. An examination of the Nigretia's cargo showed she had a large quantity of contraband of war on board.

The Turkish government has nearly completed arrangements with a foreign financial group for a loan of about \$15,000,000 to purchase new artillery. The occasion of the rearmament is the recent Bulgarian purchase of quick-firing guns.

J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased what is said to be the oldest piano in the world from Rudolph Vivoli, of Piensoia, Italy, who is now in Joplin, Mo., for \$6,000. The instrument was exhibited at the Louisiana Purchase exposition by Mr. Vivoli. It was built in 1708.

Thrilling rescue of nine nuns, Sisters of Hotel Dieu, marked the progress of a fire that swept through the convent at Chicago and destroyed it. Two of the nuns were injured and were carried from the building almost overcome by smoke. The stairs fell before the sisters could reach them.

Indication for all the officers and men on the Massachusetts is contained in the report of the board appointed by the commandant of the League Island navy yard to investigate the recent accident on board that vessel in which the death of several men was caused by the blowing off of a gasket.

A Terribly Dismal Storm.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—A storm which suddenly burst on the northern coast of Portugal has caused great loss of life. Eighteen fishermen were drowned at Figueira Da Fex and 600 others have been rendered destitute. A ferry boat plying at the mouth of the Mondego river was capsized and 14 persons were drowned. In the Leixor basin, near Oporto, five boats were sunk and five persons drowned.

City Officials are Held Responsible.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury in the inquest over the victims of the suspension bridge disaster have brought in a verdict declaring that the bridge was in an unsafe condition and that there was gross negligence on the part of all the officers of Charleston in the care, maintenance and repair of the bridge since January 30, 1896, to the day of the disaster. The jury, however, was unable to fix the responsibility for the disaster on any particular officer or set of officials.

Platt Refuses to be Succeeded.

New York, Dec. 21.—Senator Thomas C. Platt yesterday said he did not intend to leave the senate at the expiration of his term at the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day, at which, he continued, "we will find out the real thing in the way of public sentiment on the senatorial question." "Will you, I don't expect him," "Did you invite him?" "Not on your life. I am for Dewey, and he is for Black. He can't bump me like some people. I have been bumped long enough."

Reserves to be Mobilized.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the war and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the far east. It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by spring. It will bring Gen. Kuropatkin's effective force to 680,000.

Col. Ames is Pardoned.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 21.—The state board of pardons has granted a pardon to Col. Frederick Ames, brother of ex-Mayor A. A. Ames, of Minneapolis. Col. Ames was chief of police and was convicted of "kiddie" during his brother's administration.

Boiler Explosion Killed Four Men.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—Four men were killed and their bodies terribly mangled as the result of a boiler explosion at the sawmill of B. F. Rodline, near Rohrbach, yesterday. The dead: William Redline, aged 30, Irwin Kline, aged 30, Charles Wright, aged 35, Elias Ash, aged 60.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hong Kong says that a powerful Japanese squadron is proceeding south to attack the Russian Baltic squadron.

FINDS

His Kidnapped Daughter

After a Search Covering Years.

BEFORE DEATH

A Bellefontaine Man Confessed

To Having Taken the Girl Years Ago—Always Treated Her Well.

Tacoma, Wash., December 19.—After 15 years search James McDonald, of Cincinnati, has found in a forest at Twisp, Okanogan County, many miles from the railroads, his nineteen-year-old daughter, Lillie McDonald, who was kidnapped by two rough looking men on June 10, 1889, while she was playing near her home at Plainfield, N. J.

HOME BROKEN UP.

The kidnapping of Lillie broke up McDonald's home within a year. Mrs. McDonald died in Orange, N. J., from a broken heart. McDonald moved to Dayton, Ohio, and later to Cincinnati. He spent a fortune in his efforts to recover the child, who was found last week as the adopted daughter of Mrs. Mary L. McCabe, formerly a nurse at Bellefontaine, Ohio, where Mrs. McCabe found her nine years ago.

LOCAL MAN CONFESSED.

A merchant of Bellefontaine in moderate circumstances confessed to Mrs. McCabe, just before dying with typhoid fever, that he and another man had kidnapped her six years previously; that he had reformed and accumulated some money. He had always treated the girl well.

ADOPTED GIRL.

Mrs. McCabe adopted the girl and told to friends the story of her abduction until it finally reached the ears of McDonald. Only three months ago he secured the first definite clue, which brought him to this state and resulted in uniting father and daughter. Until last week neither Mrs. McCabe nor Lillie ever knew the name of her parents. Mrs. McCabe will give up her homestead and accompany McDonald to Cincinnati.

The above sensational story appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer of Tuesday. Despite all efforts the identity of Mrs. Mary L. McCabe, mentioned as formerly a nurse in this city, remains a mystery.

Just because an old family Bible can not be discovered, Jacob Debruler, aged 62 years, of Cynthia, Ky., a union soldier, is unable to get a large pension. According to a letter received by Post Master Campbell, West Stevens, a white man, moved years ago from Kentucky to Logan county, probably this city, and died. He had in his possession the old Bible called the Debruler Bible and in the book are the dates of the births of the children of J. H. Debruler, and among them is Jacob's name. What was wanted is a certificate of the age of Jacob, and the book is wanted very badly. A big reward is offered for its return, if only for a week, to an attorney named Bailey at Cynthia. Jacob Debruler is prominent in Kentucky Republican politics, according to the communication.

Where is the Debruler Bible that has been lost for many years?

"I wanted to speak to you just a minute, Mr. Pierce. I live alone, you know, and I want to give some other folks who are kind of lonesome a bit of Christmas comfort and a fellowship and a good dinner."

"I know nothing more befitting the spirit of Christmas," said the clergyman, cordially; "it is following the very teachings of our Master."

"I'd like to tell you, though, who it is," said Miss Mab, eagerly; "it's a little girl who lives across the street in a great, noisy, desolate boarding house. She'd have to bring her father, for he's all she has. They seem to be terribly devoted to each other. I don't know a widower—though I don't know I've never spoken a word to either of 'em. I thought you'd tell me whether 'twould be proper or not?"

"There can be no question of the propriety, Miss Mab," he said earnestly. "In your kindness of heart you could make no mistake."

Miss Mab took his proffered hand warmly. "Thank you," she said; "thank you so much!"

Next day she watched for the little girl, who did not appear till about half-past four, and then she came out to hop nimbly up and down the flight of stone steps. Miss Mab threw a shawl over her head and crossed the snowy street. She had a gracious way with children which readily reached their hearts. The shyness of the child disappeared while Miss Mab delivered a nervous invitation. "You'll remember," she said gently, "what I want you to do. Just whisper to your father when he picks you up at the street corner that a lonely old woman who lives across the street wishes a bit of Christmas fellowship, and if you can't have anything else planned, she invites you to come and dine with her to-morrow. I'll watch for you to come back, and if you wave your hand I'll know you'll come. You can remember?"

"I'll remember," answered the little girl. She spoke gravely, but there was a eager light in her eyes. "I'm sure we'll come. Papa and me was talking about Christmas last night, and wishing we were back in the country, because there were homes there where

The Christmas Fellowship of Miss Mab

BY ISABEL GORDON CURTIS

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Little Miss Mab sat staring into the radiant heart of a wood fire. It lacked only two days of Christmas. She had not yet invited anyone to share the hospitality of her small home. Never since she had been left alone in the world—and that occurred when she was 17—had she known a lonely Christmas; there were always some forsaken creatures ready to turn gratefully to the shelter of her home. All these festivities had brought a certain heart warmth and happiness which lingered for months, but it had not meant fellowship or sympathy.

"I believe I want a little bit of Christmas to myself this year," Miss Mab whispered to herself. "It's so love to see the old women and the shabby boys and girls all themselves up. What they want, though, is the eatin'. They don't know nothin' about fellowship. When a woman steps over the 40 line an' has been alone all her life, there's a sort of longin' for fellowship—ain't there, Mattie?"

The gray cat arched his back and rubbed his plump body against Miss Mab's dress.

"It's a fine dinner," observed Miss Mab in her solitary musing; "it's a fine enough dinner to deserve fellowship." She rose and walked to the front window. "I might just as well out with what is on my mind," she said. "I know who I want to invite as well as can be; all that's trouble'me is the propriety of it. Now if the little thing hadn't a father, I'd take her in and keep her—longer—Christmas, too!"

She was watching a six-year-old girl who lived in the big boarding house across the street, which was "throne and lonesome," as Miss Mab expressed it. Every afternoon about five the child lingered on the steps and watched eagerly till a man turned the corner—a tall, round-shouldered, sickly-looking man. As soon as she caught sight of him she darted like a swallow down the street and fairly threw herself into his arms. He always slung his lunch box on his wrist and lifted her to his breast. They did not seem to talk. The head of his brown curls was laid contentedly on his shoulder and occasionally the father bent to rub his cheek against the child's pale face. He climbed the steps with the little girl in his arms and shut the door behind him.

"Vie's fellowship inside there," she whispered; then she sat down to her lonely little tea table.

At seven o'clock she put Mattie to bed down cellar; afterward she dressed and started for prayer meeting. Two or three friends stopped to speak to her. They decided she was in an absent mood, for she did not seem to know what they were talking about. Miss Mab had only one thought in her mind, and it seemed to rhyme with the hymn, it mingled with the short discourse and prayer. It had only one tenor: she was longing to have the minister settle a monotonous question for her. It seemed as if all the congregation lingered to talk with him after prayer meeting. That night once or twice he held out a welcoming hand, but she evaded it; she could not seek his advice until she was alone. At last everybody was gone but herself. The young clergyman came forward gently.